

21 Most Aggressive Dog Breeds That Can Kill You

-Globally Researched List With Death Records

The most popular pet that many of us own or desire is a dog.

There are [numerous dog breeds](#) around the world that are renowned for one or more specialties.

There are some that are cute and those that are dangerous, but it would be incorrect to classify domesticated dogs as hazardous.

Some dog breeds, meanwhile, have the capacity to seriously hurt people if they decide to attack.

This blog discusses the most aggressive dog breeds that require careful handling and loving care.

Dogs are not hazardous or potentially harmful unless they are not properly trained.

It is startling to think that dogs might be violent and harmful because they constantly seek out methods to satisfy their owners.

The likelihood of such occurrences only increases as a result of strict ownership and inadequate [training](#).

Taking into account a dog's capacity to cause serious injury to humans, the list of the most aggressive dog breeds is created.

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1. Pit Bull



Although it should come as no surprise to most people who study aggressive dog breeds, the pit bull is the most dangerous dog breed.

According to the study mentioned above, over a period of 13 years, the pit bull was responsible for 284 deaths, roughly 2/3 of all fatal dog attacks in the United States.

That is a rather discouraging statistic when one considers that only 6% of all dogs in the United States are pit bulls.

They were bred to be dangerous for generations as hunting dogs and fighting dogs, so it is no surprise these dogs continue to be a threat to this day.

Another reason pit bulls are the most dangerous dog breed is that they have large bodies (weighing up to 80 pounds), strong jaws, and great killer instincts.

Human beings and other animals don't stand a chance against a pit bull.

Still, many people insist these animals are merely a product of their upbringing and have loving pit bulls as pets.

2. Rottweiler



Before pit bulls came into the public consciousness as highly dangerous animals, rottweilers were often considered the most dangerous dog breed in the world.

These dogs can grow up to 25 inches tall, weigh 120 pounds or more, and still be healthy.

They have large bodies and a temperament that can turn foul in some situations.

Specifically, the dog will become very friendly and protective of those in its household, but that protection is not extended to visitors.

During the same interim as we discussed with the pit bull, the rottweiler was responsible for 45 fatal attacks, comprising 10% of all deadly attacks that were witnessed during that period in the United States.

Rottweilers also have a dreadfully powerful bite that they know how to use to great effect.

3. German Shepherd



German Shepherds are working dogs that have been put to use in militaries and police forces in recent decades.

The reasons for this choice are obvious: these are robust, intelligent, powerful, and dangerous dogs that can inflict deadly attacks on people.

Weighing about 90 pounds and standing over, the German Shepherd breed is perfect at curtailing human threats.

The generational breeding of working dogs has resulted in a highly effective tool.

Unfortunately, this breed excels in aggression and territoriality, and they were the cause of 20 deaths (about 5% of all dog bite deaths) and numerous non-fatal biting incidents.

The only silver lining, in this case, is that this breed is highly trainable.

But still one of the most aggressive dog breeds in the world.

4. American Bulldog



Unlike their British counterparts, the American bulldog is still a powerful working animal that has not been overbred to uselessness.

Standing just shy of 30 inches high, these dogs can pack on muscle and weigh over 100lbs.

They're thick, strong dogs that are very dangerous when they attack.

During the 13-year study, American bulldogs were responsible for 15 deaths, about 3.5% of all fatal attacks.

Although that is not a large number, it's significant considering that this breed is rarely mentioned alongside some of the other dangerous dogs.

Make no mistake— this breed has a powerful bite and the ability to jump high enough and hard enough to knock an adult flat on its back.

5. Bullmastiff



Devoted, alert, and fearless are all terms that apply to the Bullmastiff breed, and that is why people value them as pets.

They'll protect your home and yard, but they might not enjoy the presence of outsiders, and that behavior has to be curbed at a young age to prevent attacks.

Although attacks by bullmastiffs are relatively infrequent, the fact is that these dogs are so large that when they do attack a person or another animal, the damage is severe.

They can reach 130 pounds and stand 27 inches tall or more.

These dogs were responsible for 3.2% of all fatal attacks that occurred over the 13 years of the study, representing just 14 deaths.

However, when you consider the relative rarity of the animal in the U.S., it's a sign that the dog is dangerous.

6. Siberian Huskies



Siberian Huskies are valued for their wolf-like looks.

You shouldn't be too surprised to find out that dogs sharing looks with wild animals behave a little like them.

Huskies were used as sled dogs in the coldest reaches of Canada and the United States.

Although they weigh only 60 pounds, they're strong for their size and are independent animals.

These dogs are highly motivated by catching prey.

Most animals that are smaller than them, including humans, can look like prey to them.

In this case, it's their instincts for survival that get them in the most trouble.

Huskies were responsible for 3% of all fatal attacks in the study we've cited.

Although these animals are friendly most of the time, they have been known to attack children and adults that challenge them.

7. Rhodesian Ridgeback



The Rhodesian Ridgeback, a dog breed with Southern African roots, is well known for its capacity to keep lions away from their prey while their handler pursues a kill.

It is a canine that is employed for hunting and is somewhat domesticated.

Although bright and devoted, it can be extremely hostile to strangers.

The breed needs to be socialized well, trained with positive reinforcement, and not subjected to any harsh treatment.

If not given the correct care, it could develop an aggressive side.

It has been well known throughout the world as one of the most aggressive dog breeds.

8. Boxer



Boxers are interesting dogs because they are simultaneously incredibly dopey in terms of their looks, but they were bred to be working dogs.

These dogs have a lot of energy, and they can weigh up to 80lbs of muscle.

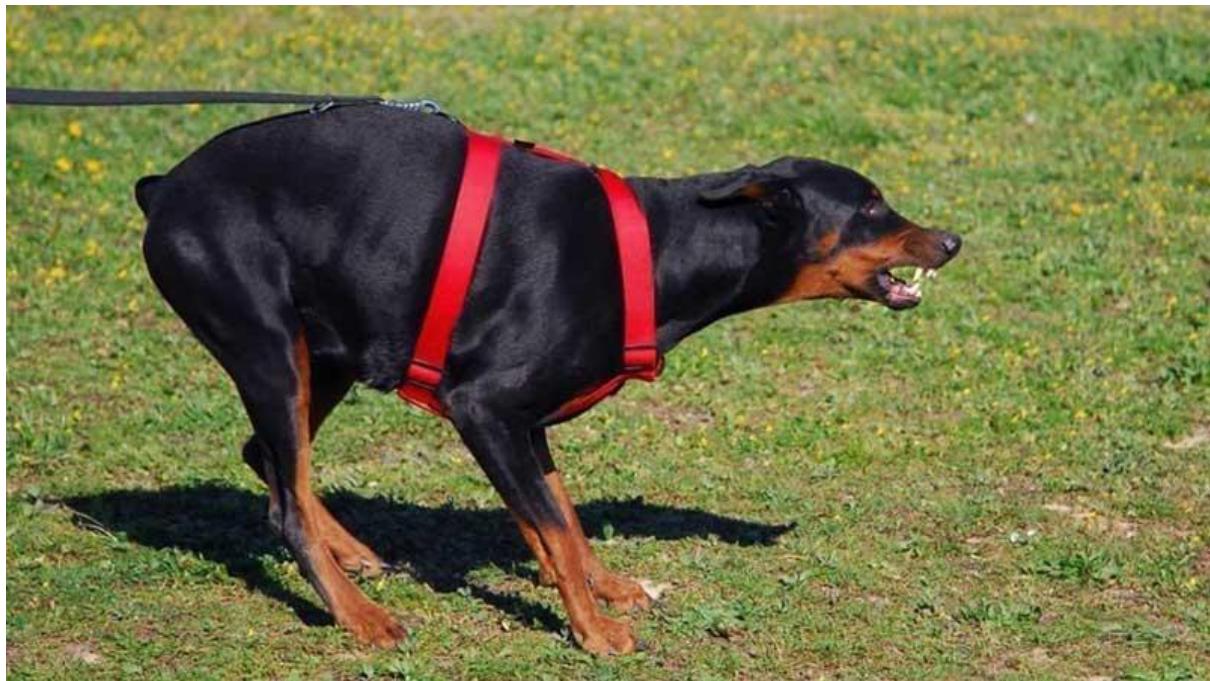
When you combine their physical capabilities with their protective nature, it's easy to see why boxers can be so troublesome.

If someone the dog doesn't trust does something they perceive as threatening near their owner, the dog could capably attack.

Boxers only caused 7 deaths in recent years, but they have a propensity for non-fatal bites as well.

Like other dangerous breeds, you should only get this breed if you know how to handle and train a dog.

9. Doberman Pinscher



The Doberman Pinscher has an iconic silhouette that is easily identified by the cropped ears, straight back, and look of a beast.

These animals have been used as guard dogs, a job they performed so well that they have become almost synonymous with the job, German shepherds aside.

This is another breed that was bred for generations to become perfect attack dogs.

It should not be any surprise that they are quite dangerous.

Dobermans were responsible for about 6 deaths at the time of the study as well as many biting incidents.

While not as prolific in the number of deaths as other dogs, the breed is dangerous and capable of.

They stand between 2 feet and 3 feet tall and weigh upwards of 80 pounds.

10. Alaskan Malamute



Lastly, we have the Alaskan Malamute, a dog that is strikingly similar to the Siberian Husky.

The main difference is that the Alaskan Malamute is much larger than their wolf-life counterparts.

These dogs can weigh almost 90 pounds and stand 26 inches tall, so they are quite large and powerful.

They are also highly energetic, and they love jumping around and getting into mischief.

Unfortunately, these dogs are not known for yielding to the wishes of their owners, so they have to be trained well from a young age.

Although they are only, the Alaskan Malamute is still on the list of the most aggressive dogs because of their powerful bite and willingness to use it against others.

All in all, these ten dog breeds represent the most dangerous ones out there based solely on the number of people they kill and how often they attack others.

They're threatening not just because of their actions but also because they have the potential to do such terrible damage.

11. Cocker Spaniel



It is rather unexpected, but this dog does deserve to be on the list.

At first glance and with proper training and care, he would make a wonderful and adoring family pet.

But these dogs are incredibly sensitive.

Poorly trained dogs therefore frequently attack.

The Cocker Spaniel has been involved in over 59 deadly attacks over the past 25 years, according to a report by the JAVMA.

In 2016, a group of stray dogs attacked an elderly man in Jacksonville, Florida; at least one of the dogs was later determined to be a Cocker Spaniel.

The man did not survive.

12. Saint Bernard



If you've ever watched a Beethoven film, you likely envision Saint Bernard as a loving, smart, and caring family pet.

Actually, this is accurate.

This dog breed originated in the Italian and Swiss Alps and has gained notoriety for saving hikers who got lost in the snowy mountains.

These dogs can be amiable and devoted, but they can also be fiercely possessive.

Saint Bernards need to be socialized with people and other animals from an early age if you don't want them to mature into aggressive and territorial dogs.

This breed can make a wonderful dog if properly taught.

Due to his size and ferocity, if he's not, he might be harmful.

This breed typically weighs between 140 and 260 pounds.

The biggest one can weigh more than 310 pounds. Given his size and aggression, this dog might cause a lot of harm if he were taught to be violent.

Attacks probably occur more frequently, and many of them go undetected.

In July 2016, a Saint Bernard on a leash started attacking a Canadian woman who was crossing the street in front of a bus stop.

The woman claims that the attack was unprovoked and that she lost a lot of blood as a result.

Her kneecap was fractured, and she required 40 stitches.

Although Saint Bernard's home life is unknown, the dog's size and power made it challenging for the owner to remove the dog from the victim.

13. Gull Dong



The Gull Dong is a hybrid between a Gull Terrier and a Bully Kutta.

These dogs are reputed to be quite powerful.

Being very difficult to handle and violent, they were initially developed as fighting dogs.

One of these canines would require professional training beginning at a very young age if you wanted to possess one.

He may weigh up to 140 pounds, which is a significant amount of weight to fight with.

Between 2005 and 2011, 68 dog attacks were documented, according to the National Dog Bite Statistics. 8 of these attacks resulted in death.

These puppies can grow up to be incredibly affectionate, devoted, and fiercely protective dogs if they receive early training and socialization.

These dogs are renowned for their violence and willingness to attack, but they are also renowned for their protectiveness and ability to save the lives of those they care about.

14. Caucasian Ovcharka



This breed of dog, commonly referred to as the Caucasian Shepherd, was developed to guard livestock.

They have great self-confidence, assertiveness, and bravery.

These attributes in a properly trained dog can be outstanding.

If not, these dogs can become quite aggressive and difficult to control.

They can't help but feel compelled to protect their house and the people who live within.

The dog may feel threatened if an unfamiliar person enters the house.

Due to his size and strength, it may be challenging for the owner to stop the dog once he has started to attack.

The protective instincts of the Caucasian Shepherd have also been known to save lives.

He uses his weight, which is up to 110 pounds, to protect those he cares about.

Data from Animals 24-7 indicates that between 2004 and 2014, this dog was responsible for 24 fatalities.

The lethal attacks did not result in the deaths of any children.

This dog can be a devoted, protective family pet if given the right care and training.

15. Tosa Inu



Due to its reputation as a fighting breed, this kind of dog is highly hazardous.

It is a fairly rare breed as well.

Several nations have outlawed this dog due to its high level of danger, including the UK, New Zealand, Denmark, Norway, Hong Kong, Australia, and many others.

The increase in attacks on people, particularly youngsters, was what prompted the prohibition.

There were thousands of attacks twenty years ago.

According to the ASPCA, there has only been one attack by this breed in the past three years due to the ban on having one of these dogs and the fact that there are nearly no breeders left.

16. Akita



The Japanese mountains are where the Akita originally came from.

He is a highly powerful, independent, and domineering breed.

These dogs are capable of being affectionate and well-mannered when trained properly.

However, they might be quite possessive and reticent towards strangers.

He can weigh up to 100 pounds and is a highly robust dog.

If he is not properly educated and cared for, he can be highly dangerous due to his size and territorial nature.

44 of the 70 Akitas that caused bodily harm between 1978 and 2008 were children, according to the Clifton Study, a study focused on dog bite events.

52 persons had permanent disabilities, and 8 Akita died during this time.

An Akita attacked a woman in 2015.

She was mauled as she went to check on the Akita's puppies.

To restore the damage, she required eight procedures.

An appropriately trained Akita rescued his 5-year-old owner from a bear assault in June 2014.

These tales merely serve to highlight the fact that these canines can be both heroic and aggressive dog breeds.

17. Chow Chow



The Chow Chow breed is renowned for being highly aloof and independent.

He hails from China and has a maximum weight of 70 pounds.

This dog is regarded as a high-risk pet and has a very bad reputation.

This is due to the approximately 238 Chow Chow attacks that occurred between 1979 and 1998. 37 children were victims of those assaults, and 40 of those attacks resulted in fatalities.

They are frequently fiercely devoted to their owners, but they can be dangerous if they don't receive the proper instruction or don't live in a safe environment.

This breed is deemed "undesirable" in many places, which mandates that owners carry specialized insurance to cover potential losses.

They can become quite hostile and violent if they are unable to engage in physical activity and do not receive the necessary exercise.

There are Chow Chows who have demonstrated that these dogs aren't all vicious by risking their lives.

Jared, Chow Chow demonstrates this.

A black bear attacked him as he and his family were out trekking.

He escaped the bear with his sister and his human parents.

Jared hopped on the bear's back as it attempted to steal Jared's owner, causing the creature to flee.

The family was all saved when the dog frightened the bear away.

18. Bull Terriers



The Bull Terrier's huge, egg-shaped head is what sets him apart from other breeds.

He is renowned for having a body that is extremely muscular.

Due to their mistreatment, abuse, and assault training, these canines have a horrible reputation.

Although these canines are theoretically not hazardous to people, they can be to smaller dogs and animals.

This is a result of their intense desire to hunt their prey.

If they are unable to control their urge, they may turn hostile toward these smaller creatures and attack them, potentially inflicting severe harm.

This breed is swift and robust, and it may weigh up to 65 pounds.

Even in households with tiny animals, he may make a wonderful family companion if he is properly socialized, loved, and cared for.

19. Wolf Hybrid



In reality, the Wolf Hybrid is a hybrid between a dog and a wolf.

These dogs can be quite unpredictable due to the wolf's genetic makeup.

Some of these dogs resemble dogs more, while others more closely resemble wolves.

Some of these canines have a reputation for being exceedingly passive and meek.

Unluckily, a higher proportion of these dogs are inclined to be aggressive toward people and other animals.

The JAVMA study reported 364 attacks and 14 fatalities.

Given that some dog bite cases go unreported, the actual number of attacks might not be accurate.

A local Wolf Hybrid attacked a 5-year-old youngster in May 2013, seriously injuring him.

A sleeping baby was removed from his cradle by a World Hybrid in 2009, and the child perished.

Considering that the dog is partially a wolf, many people blamed him. Others accused the owners of failing to adequately train their dogs.

This dog is the only one on this list that, because of his genetic make-up as a wild animal, has the potential to become violent and dangerous, even under the best circumstances.

Even though they have a nasty reputation, there have been some Wolf Hybrid heroes.

20. Dogo Argentino



The enormous, white, and powerful Dogo Argentino was developed in Argentina primarily for big-game hunting.

Boar and puma hunting were featured in the hunt. Imagine how powerful and dangerous the breed can be to the victim.

These dogs are very powerful and athletic.

It was bred to be a species that is not hostile to people.

No matter the breed, it falls under the UK's Dangerous Dogs Act of 1991.

Dogo Argentino as a house pet is prohibited.

These dogs will never intentionally hunt people, but they may represent a threat to nearby animals.

It is a bold, devoted, devoted dog that will defend its owner from any danger.

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21. Labrador Retriever



A hunting dog bred to work alongside people is the [Labrador Retriever](#).

They can weigh up to 80 pounds and stand just around 2 feet tall, making them pretty big dogs.

Due to their reliability and popularity as family pets, labradors do not make good security dogs.

How did Labradors end up being to blame for 2.1% of all deaths in the study?

The majority of the time, people assume that the Labrador is protecting its home or even its food.

When humans are trying to modify their dog's behavior, they can unintentionally push them into a corner and make the dog feel threatened.

In either case, [Labradors](#) are not particularly aggressive dog breeds, although they can knock people over or give people really bad bites.

Conclusion

In the current world, dogs are the best companions that people can imagine.

The majority of individuals want to own a dog as a companion, friend, and watchdog for their home.

However, keep in mind these are the world's most aggressive dog breeds before choosing a dog.

They require further training, care, and attention.

For all training tips for aggressive dog breeds, you can read the following blog on [guidelines for dog training!](#)

Best of luck with your paw mate!